VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MARCH 24, 2020 KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET 6:30 P.M.

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 24th day of March 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://www.gotomeet.me/JENNIFERPINEDA/cot-council-meeting

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Access Code: 275-084-341

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

- 1. Call to order and quorum check.
- 2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. VISITORS At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
- 4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the September 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes, September 24, 2019 regular meeting minutes, October 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes, October 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes, November 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes, November 26, 2019 special meeting minutes, December 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes, January 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes, January 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes, February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes, and February 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
- 5. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

- 6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a resolution for the submission of the grant application for the Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor.
- 7. Discussion on assessment received for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building.
- 8. Consider, discuss, and take action to terminate professional legal services of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal, & Zech as city attorney effective immediately. (Mayor Lopez)
- 9. Consider, discuss, and take action an approving an agreement for professional legal services with Roxann Pais Cotroneo to provide interim city attorney services. (Mayor Lopez)
- 10. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers

11. Adjournment.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1.	Texas Open Meetings Act -	Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where <i>legal advice</i> is
	Section 551.071	requested of the City Attorney.

- 2. Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.072 The *purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property*, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
- 3. Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.073 A *contract for a prospective gift or donation* to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
- 4. Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
- 5. Texas Open Meetings Act The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of security personnel or devices.
- 6. Texas Open Meetings Act Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**. Section 551.087

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 21st day of March 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary